



Gallatin County DUI Task Force Plan

July 1, 2006 thru June 30th, 2007

Goal: To advocate for increased enforcement efforts and support effective adjudication of DUI, maintaining a DUI conviction rate of 90% or more, deterring first offense DUI offenders from re-offending, ultimately reducing the incidence of drinking and driving in Gallatin County, and the number of DUI-related fatalities

Performance Measures:

The Gallatin County DUI Plan will be evaluated on a goal by goal basis, through specific performance measures.

Evaluation:

The Gallatin County DUI Task Force and knowledgeable others who work directly with the target groups will compare statistics for evaluating the process, impact, and outcome of the strategies outlined herein.

Program Administration/Coordination:

The plan supports a part-time (80 hours a month) coordinator.

In order to maximize the county's resources for traffic safety, the Gallatin County DUI Task Force Coordinator will continue as an active partner in the community system (consisting of government policy makers, school officials, prevention and enforcement professionals, parents and other concerned citizens) focusing on alcohol-related concerns with an emphasis on coordination and collaboration.

Budget:

The Gallatin County DUI Task Force receives funds from the Traffic & Safety Bureau of the Department of Transportation. The funds are generated by individuals convicted of DUI and who, effective October 1, 2003, pay a \$200 reinstatement fee to the State to get their license back. One half of the fees are deposited in the State's General Fund and the other half is disbursed on a quarterly basis, beginning January 1, 2004, to Task Forces throughout the State. The proposed budget for FY 07 as presented to the County Commission is in Appendix A.

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Gallatin County is fortunate in having three years of good DUI data to work with. Each year since 2003, the Task Force along with Gallatin Safe Kids, Safe Communities have followed all DUIs from April and May through the entire criminal justice system. That research indicates a 96% conviction rate for DUI in both 2004 and 2005. However, according to data gathered from law enforcement agencies and the courts, overall in 2005 there was a 15% decrease in DUI arrests from 2004's high of 1078. It is likely that reduction comes from challenges to local law enforcement in having adequate staff for pro-active enforcement.

Youth DUI is prevalent in Gallatin County. About 30% of ACT class participants seen by Alcohol and Drug Services of Gallatin County are MSU students. Eighteen to 24 year olds account for about 45% of total DUI arrests county-wide. It is important, then, to continue outreach to youth.

Gallatin County's goals for fiscal 2007 as set by the county commission name public health, safety and welfare as the county's primary goal. Another important goal relating to the Task Force's work is the continued improvement of the criminal Justice System by pursuing the construction of a new detention center. In 2005 about 91% of DUI offenders were cited and released, and 84% spent only one day in the Detention Center. It is important to establish sanctions for DUI that create a deterrent to re-offending.

For Fiscal 2007, consistent with its legislative mandate to prevent DUI and reduce alcohol-related traffic incidents, and with the goals of Gallatin County, the DUI Task Force will work to:

- 1) Support increased, focused, effective DUI enforcement
- 2) Improve communication/collaboration of professionals in the field with citizens
(The Task Force itself)
- 3) Promote citizen education/awareness around the issue of DUI
- 4) Provide the tools and motivation to "combat" DUI on a personal/family level
- 5) Educate local politicians, decision makers, and the community about DUI
- 6) Support, inform, and energize everyone involved in the continuum of DUI-prevention, intervention and enforcement.

FOCUS:

Support increased, focused, effective DUI enforcement

Problem:

Gallatin County has an 8% alcohol-related crash rate. Although this is relatively low compared to the state county-wide average of 9.7 %, it is still significant. In 2005, there were 4 alcohol-related fatalities, down from 5 in 2004.

In 2005 DUI citations dropped from 2004's high of 1078 to 948, a 15% reduction. Arrests by Bozeman's police department dropped by 25% over 2004. If adult drivers in Gallatin County perceive a greater risk of arrest for DUI, the crash and fatality rates should decrease.

FOCUS:

Promote a coordinated effort to reduce DUI incidents in Gallatin County

Objective:

By June 30th, 2007 strengthen the Task Force itself.

Strategy:

- Build and maintain a Task Force that consistently includes members across the spectrum of professionals involved in DUI - education/prevention, as well as citizen members
- Task Force Coordinator remains actively involved in the public dialogue about aspects of the criminal justice system that affect effective DUI enforcement
- The Task Force is a source for data about DUI in Gallatin County

Evaluation:

- Report on changes in membership in fiscal 2007
- As specified in other objectives.

Objective:

By June 30th 2007, work to increase the number of driving under the influence

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tickets issued in Gallatin County.

Strategy:

- Fund overtime saturation patrols, particularly on dates that have a history of high DUI activity.
- Advocate for increased staffing for law enforcement, including possible traffic-specific patrols, in part through involvement with Bozeman's community alcohol coalition, and in media outreach to educate the public on problems facing the county criminal justice system so that they are more motivated to fund prevention/intervention/enforcement efforts

Evaluation:

- Count citations given in calendar 2006.
- Compile and report on results from DUI saturation patrols
- Provide DUI arrest stats to radio stations including cite and release; comparing them with the rest of state; and reporting increases or decreases over past years.
- Report on actions undertaken by the community alcohol coalition in support of local law enforcement staffing efforts.
- Report on DUI-related presentations given to various Gallatin County city commissions, as well as the county commission.

Objective:

By June 30, 2007 report a continued conviction rate of 90% or better.

Strategy:

Fund DUI-related needs for the continuum of services that relate to effective DUI enforcement that lack other funding sources.

Evaluation: Report on purchases made and the impact of those purchases.

Objective:

By June 30, 2007 increase the awareness of the community regarding DUI-related issues.

Strategy:

- Maintain a strong, information-rich website.
- Develop active media advocacy via articles, interviews, news spots.
- Act as a community resource on DUI through networking; as a presence at DUI - related events; and public presentation.

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- Design and deliver information brochures for health fairs, informational booths, community celebrations, etc.
- Show Fatal Vision Goggles, or purchase and/or loan them to other agencies to show.
- Mini-grants: Provide seed money for or fund special DUI-related projects in the community, as the Task Force did with Belgrade's recent "Every 15 Minute Program" project.
- Sponsor the 4th Annual Swimming Upstream Awards, honoring community members who work to change how the community "shows up" around alcohol misuse.
- Create quarterly promotional/social marketing messages/products.
- Construct/support data-driven "snapshot" of DUI in Gallatin County

Evaluation:

- Yearly - Count materials designed and materials distributed.
- Report on activities.
- Report on mini-grants given.
- Maintain reporting criteria for organizations who are given grants.
- Work with MSU students to evaluate media-reporting on DUI.
- Keep media resource directory/binders with help of community service volunteers.
- Report on the Swimming Upstream Awards honorees.
- Report on media/marketing efforts.
- Include DUI data on website, report to local media.
- Annualized April/May DUI stats and charts produced and presented to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and Commission. Extrapolate conviction rate.
- Annual count of citations. Story-based report to all media and professionals in the county.
- "Site of last drink" survey support for MADD and ADSGC.

Objective:

By June 30, 2007 increase DUI Task Force participation in community collaborations related to substance abuse and DUI-prevention, restorative justice, and to promote a safe and healthy community lifestyle.

Strategy:

- Continue role in Safe Kids, Safe Communities coalition.
- Continue role on the advisory council for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

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- Continue role on Community Alcohol Coalition.
- Continue attending MADD meetings.

Evaluation:

- Yearly - Present report that includes projects undertaken and progress made in these coalitions, and the DUI Task Force role in these.

FOCUS:

Deter underage Drinking and Driving Behavior

Objective:

By June 30, 2007 work to deter underage drinking and driving behavior.

Strategy:

- Maintain presence at MSU events as appropriate
- Continue to provide support funding for the MSU Cat Cab program.
- Continue to provide PI&E items to MSU PD and Student Activities, and the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Collaborate with MSU Health Promotions department
- Supply key chains with a DUI traffic safety-related message and DUI-cost cards to the Department of Motor Vehicles to give to new drivers.

Evaluation:

- Report on Task Force activities as well as ridership for Cat Cab